

If we allow media sources to be monopolistically owned, as is being threatened in June, we will be throwing away our democracy. In order for a democracy to function, people need to have access to the news. No single news source can be trusted to give unbiased information, because they all have a particular viewpoint of their management, and they all have conflicts of interest, due to their need to make money. Public opinion is so strongly swayed by what they hear and see in the news that it is not an exaggeration to say that whoever owns the media outlets owns public opinion. Therefore, it is essential to maintain the most numerous and most diverse ownership of the media in order to maintain a functioning democracy. The fact that the vast majority of media outlets are owned by big business, just by virtue of the fact that it takes a great deal of money to run such a business is already a serious blow to our ability to receive complete and unbiased reporting. Don't make this state of affairs even worse by allowing our media sources to be monopolized. If you are patriotic Americans and believe in defending the Constitution, you won't let this happen. Thank you.